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Task force says OxyContin not a problem

 BY MATT ALLEY
 EDITOR

A task force created to tackle an illicit trade in OxyContin quickly reached a conclusion last Wednesday. As an object of abuse, the powerful painkiller is no phenomenon.

"The problem is not OxyContin," said Rep. Jack Coleman, D-Anderson, who wants the General Assembly to take some action. "The problem is drug abuse in Kentucky. It just moved from Tylenol to OxyContin."

Kentucky State Police Commissioner Johnson Burks said prescription narcotics in general are susceptible to abuse.

"At the moment, OxyContin happens to be the drug of choice," said Burks.

Authorities say OxyContin, developed for treatment of pain in cancer and traumatic injury patients, is being abused throughout the East. The largest drug raid in Kentucky history netted about 200 alleged users or dealers of OxyContin in a sweep through Eastern Kentucky last month.

Burks estimates there have been 59 deaths in Kentucky from OxyContin overdoses - a figure boosted by the drug's manufacturer, Purdue Pharma L.P.

According to a press release from Purdue Pharma senior medical

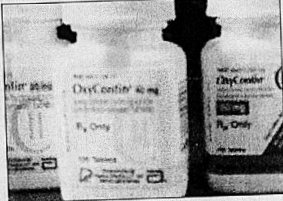


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director Dr. J. David Haddock, the company cannot be directly blamed for its highly addictive nature and some abuse should fall on doctors who over-prescribe the OxyContin.

OxyContin is Purdue Pharma's trademark for the narcotic oxycodone in time-released tablet form. Crushing the tablet causes a rapid, addictive and sometimes lethal release of oxycodone, according to law enforcement officials.

OxyContin is prescribed in five dosages from 10 to 160 milligrams. The street value reportedly is \$1 per milligram, according to law enforcement officials.

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Abolitionists make little progress in 2001

 BY MATT ALLEY
 EDITOR

Heading into the 2001 session, the Kentucky General Assembly hoped capital punishment would be a hot topic.

Bills were introduced to repeal, respectively, the death penalty altogether, impose a five-year moratorium on executions and ban executions of juveniles and the mentally handicapped.

As the session ends, nothing has been done with any of the bills. Yet death penalty opponents agree they are even more hopeful about making progress, however slight.

"This is something that has to be done in steps," said Rep. Tom Burck, D-Louisville.

Burck said a similar victory this session was that Rep. Goss Clay Lindsay, D-Henderson, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, agreed death penalty opponents will get a hearing on their views during the 2002 session.

But another legislator, Rep. Bob Hatcher, D-Louisville, said a legislative moratorium would be more than a feel-good exercise. Hatcher is actually taken, Heleringer said in political rhetoric.

Burck was among the legislators who tried to reinstate Kentucky's death penalty in the 1970s. Since then, Burck has had a change of heart and says he believes he is not alone among legislators whose views have changed on capital punishment.

Heleringer is a devout Catholic who says he agrees with his faith teaching that taking life under any circumstances is wrong.

But these opponents are among a small minority in the favor of the death penalty and tentatively voted in favor of the death penalty and expanding its application.

Heleringer said most current legislators have never confronted the reality of the death

penalty as public policy with a vote of for or against.

Heleringer said he wants a full-fledged debate for legislators to consider the moral issue - the philosophy of capital punishment.

"It is all incremental," said the Rev. Patrick Delahanty, a Roman Catholic priest who is the prime organizer behind the Kentucky Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty.

The KCAAP counts 40 groups among its members, many of them faith-based.

Delahanty and KCAAP president in Frankfort on March 7, Delahanty said he hoped at least one of the death penalty bills would have been discussed on either the house or senate floors, but none of the bills were allowed to be voted.

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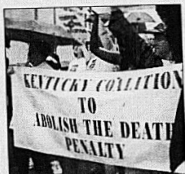


Photo submitted

Death penalty abolitionists protested in Frankfort, Ky., on March 8 to show their support for three proposed bills.

Controversial hemp bill passed by legislators

 BY CARLA REDDEN
 MANAGING EDITOR

Gov. Paul Patton signed for passage of House Bill 100 yesterday, taking another step toward turning industrial hemp into an alternative Kentucky cash crop to replace dwindling tobacco revenues.

The bill was delivered to the governor Mar. 9, following Senate floor amendments made on Mar. 8.

On Mar. 7 the Kentucky Senate voted 26-11 to pass House Bill 100.

The bill, which was passed by the Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee on Feb. 22, allows state universities to grow and research industrial hemp according to strict regulations.

A similar bill failed in the Senate last year but the incorporation of state law enforcement into the provisions of HB 100 helped facilitate its passage.

"It's a good bill and industrial

hemp needs to be studied, especially if law enforcement is included," said Mike Denham, D-Maysville, a sponsor of the bill.

Some opposing the production of industrial hemp say the substance is too closely associated with its cousin, marijuana, which contains three times as much of the mind-altering substance, tetrahydrocannabinol, or THC.

Hemp is used to produce a wide array of products, including rope, paper, clothing, food, feed and auto parts.

As part of the passage of the bill, an Industrial Hemp Commission was established comprised of 17 representatives from state government, wholesalers and farmers.

The commission will be appointed and have a first meeting by July 1.

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Photo by Jennifer Sewell

Pinnacle Apartments in Morehead, where Carla Blevins was arrested March 14

Senator Blevins' wife arrested

 BY JENNIFER SEWELL
 NEWS EDITOR

The wife of Sen. Walter Blevins of West Liberty was arrested March 14 at Pinnacle Apartments in Morehead for alcohol intoxication and third degree possession of a controlled substance, according to police reports.

Carla E. Blevins, 42, of Sandy Hook, called 911 at 12:30 a.m. and said she was being held against her

will at Apartment 3A and requested police to bring her home to Sandy Hook, according to police reports.

According to the report, Blevins said she was the wife of Walter Blevins and asked that police not send a police officer.

A story published in the Morehead News reported Patrolmen Tim Smalley and Brent Jaynes arrested Blevins when she

ran into the yard screaming while intoxicated and unstable.

When police searched Blevins' purse, they found diazepam pills wrapped in a cigarette cellophane tucked in a Skelatin bottle, according to the published report.

Blevins was transported from the Rowan County Detention Center and is currently being held at the Montgomery County Detention Center in Mt. Sterling.

Colleges may be exempt from Napster lawsuits

 BY GARY TACKETT
 STAFF WRITER

In the wake of current Napster court decisions, many U.S. universities, including MSU, have banned the popular shareware program from their campuses in fear of a copyright infringement lawsuit.

However, universities and colleges have some protection from copyright infringement.

In 1998, the 105th Congress passed two bills to amend the outdated Copyright Act of 1976. One of the bills, the Digital Millennium

Copyright Act of 1998, reformed the original copyright act to include the new digital age.

Former President Bill Clinton signed the bill into law Oct. 28, 1998. The law was passed to protect universities, libraries, archives and any other institute of higher education from copyright infringement for use of copyrighted materials for educational purposes.

Although it does not completely exempt the institution, it does reduce the risk of liability.

The National Information

Infrastructure, developed by Clinton in 1993, predicted the incorporation of new technology with educational settings and made protecting these resources a high priority.

The Digital Music Copyright Act (DMCA), which evolved from the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), contains specific regulations on online service providers to follow to protect themselves from lawsuits. Before an organization is liable the DMCA, however, local service providers must register with the Copyright Office.

Each service provider is then responsible for educating its online population about copyright laws and service regulations. It is also the service provider's obligation to enforce those regulations to ensure the DMCA is not being abused.

The DMCA is complex and layered with regulations. Major changes include the prohibition of altering any copyrighted material while being used.

The regulation that likely benefits universities and libraries most involves the exclusions.

The act mandates that any online service provider who transmits and stores digital data as well as providing tools and software to do so, are granted an exemption from monetary liability for copyright infringement.

However, this applies only if the OSP has an online system that meets all procedure standards and has no knowledge of copyright infringement and collaborates with the prosecutor by disabling any access to copyrighted materials and limits the use of them.

Fines, ranging from \$200 up to \$500,000 and imprisonment, can all be remitted to a non-profit organization, such as a library or educational institution, if it can prove there was no knowledge of the infringement or has reason to believe actions taken were not violating regulations.

The re-occurring problem of remade webpages offering downloadable songs and movies has put another dent in the act.

Unlike in the Napster case, most

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OXYCONTIN, from front

OxyContin is related to other popular and often abused painkillers - Tylenol, which is oxycodeone plus Tylenol, and Percodan, which is oxycodeone plus aspirin.

Currently, the Kentucky General Assembly has no plans to discuss the OxyContin issue during the remainder of the 2001 session.

HEMP, from front

The bill stipulates the commission shall develop recommendations on industrial hemp legislation by Dec. 15 to present to the governor and the Legislative Research Commission.

Analysts participating in the study must report on the status and progress of the industrial hemp research program by Oct. 1.

Gov. Patton said the bill's purpose is to allow the state to police have voiced support for the bill saying it is based on an academic's study of industrial hemp and will not provide a cover for the production of marijuana.

According to provisions of the bill, selected universities participating in the study will be required to notify the KSP headquarters as well as all other local law enforcement agencies of the location, size and duration of all industrial hemp plots.

No academic institutions have previously expressed interest in the study.

NAPSTER, from front

Websites giving out free copyrighted materials are untraceable in cyberspace. This leaves the copyright owners looking for an alternate scape-goat, usually taking the form of the Internet service providers.

This problem spawned the phrase "vicarious infringement," which is what happens when an online provider allows visitors by providing software to links, storage of data and/or facilitates recordings and displays.

MSU Information Technology officials said MSU is in the process of registering with the Copyright Office.

Both Patrick, assistant vice president for Information Technology, said, "We need to be able to protect the university and our technology."

PROGRESS, from front

Deblatney said KCADP is planning a speaking tour in mid-spring on Kentucky college campuses.

During these forums people will be allowed to express their views about capital punishment, Deblatney said.

Deblatney said he hopes a grass roots movement could help sway legislators to at least begin looking into the injustices of the death penalty.

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Census data shows ethnic diversity increasing nationally

By Andrea Lepinsky

The Missouri (U. Missouri)

(U-WIRE) COLUMBIA, Mo.

The U.S. Census Bureau released the first set of data from Census 2000 earlier this month, including information that showed the United States is becoming more diverse.

With a population of about 280 million, the United States is experiencing a significant growth in Hispanic residents, said Rachel Cassidy, spokeswoman for the U.S. Department of Commerce.

"Every race population grew in size," Cassidy said. "The white population grew the slowest, while Hispanics grew faster than all of the other groups."

The results showed the Hispanic population is about 35 million, or 12.5 percent of the population.

It is hard to gauge the ethnic increases from the 1990 census because of the new responses offered on the questionnaire, Cassidy said.

One question on the census forms asked every U.S. resident for his or her race and possible Hispanic origin.

The question about Hispanic origin was similar to the one used for the 1990 census but had higher placement on the 2000 questionnaire.

By Sarah Salwen

Cavalier Daily (U. Virginia)

(U-WIRE) CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va.

A student coalition at Brown University has become so incensed by The Brown Daily Herald, the school's student newspaper, that it has demanded the paper cease distribution on campus and remove the word "Brown" from its title.

These demands, the newest added to a growing list, were sparked by the publication of a controversial advertisement denouncing the payment of reparations for slavery.

"It is not the place of the editorial board to choose which opinions can run" in the paper, Herald Editor-in-Chief Patrick Moos said.

Written and paid for by conservative author David Horowitz, the full-page ad is headlined "Ten Reasons Why Reparations for Slavery is a Bad Idea -- and Racist Too."

Among the reasons the ad lists, "Reparations to African Americans have already been paid... in the form of welfare benefits and racial preferences."

The ad also states, "The reparations claim is a separatist idea that sets African Americans against the nation that gave them freedom," and "there was no single group clearly responsible for the crime of slavery."

Many of the 47 school newspa-

pers that received the ad rejected it, including The Cavalier Daily, The Harvard Crimson and The Columbia Daily Spectator.

Three other newspapers, including those at Arizona State, the University of California-Berkeley and the University of California-Davis, ran the advertisement but later published apologies.

"We decided to run the advertisement because it was a business decision," Moos said.

The ad ran in the Herald last Tuesday. But before distribution Friday, a coalition of mostly minority student groups notified the board to cease the paper to prevent its release in demonstration of their anger.

"I doubt that would be our first course of action" in a similar situation, said Mike Costa, president of the University's Black Student Alliance, which serves as a leading voice at the University for the concerns of black students.

If facing a situation like the one at Brown, "we would probably want to contact the newspaper or write an opinion piece... we have a pretty decent relationship with the Cavalier," Costa said.

The coalition also demanded the Herald not keep the \$580 paid by Horowitz and instead donate the funds to the Third World community, a campus minority fund, and it

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Brown student coalition calls for college paper to halt production

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EDITORIALS

Student forum can open lines of communication

Students who have questions, concerns or complaints about housing, academics, budgetary control, financial aid, maintenance, or any other campus issues or problems should attend the Student Government Association's Student Forum 5 p.m. today in the Crager Room of ADUC.

A panel of administrators, including President Ronald Eaglin, will be on hand to discuss issues with students in an attempt to open the doors of communication between students and administrators.

Students who complain about an administration that seems apathetic about student needs and problems need to take this opportunity to air their frustrations.

Students should also demand answers to their questions and make sure a repeat of last year's forum does not occur.

At last year's student forum President Eaglin offended some students with flippant answers to their questions about 24-hour library access.

If questions are cast aside or not fully answered by administrators students need not be afraid to push the issue. Change has never taken place by people who are afraid to speak out.

This is not to say students should go with the intent to start a riot. But students have the right to request legitimate answers to their questions.

Now is the time to bridge the communication gap between students and administrators.

Administrators should use this forum as an opportunity to show students they are the top priority at this university.

And students attending the forum should show administrators their care about improving the campus community and overall educational experience at MSU.

E.M.

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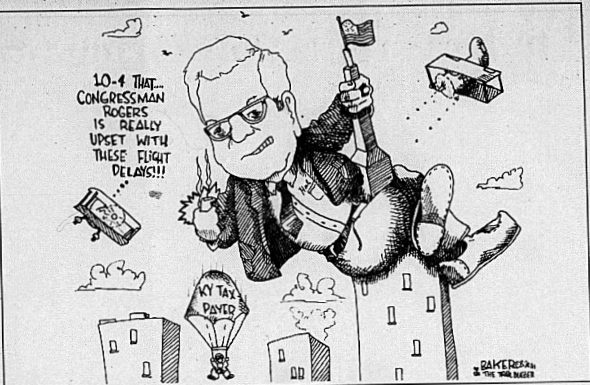
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Commentary

Rogers wasting time, money in D.C.

BY MATT ALLEY
EDITOR

It never ceases to amaze me how our lawmakers find new ways to waste our tax dollars, especially in the case of Congressman Hal Rogers.

Last week Rogers was appointed to lead a special panel to investigate problems with the airline industry.

Apparently Rogers and others on the panel feel the growing problem of flight delays at airports and announced cancellations merit a review by the government.

Granted, this is an issue that needs to be addressed, especially if people use airlines as a means of transportation on a regular basis or if a major part of a state's economy comes from its airports. Neither is the case for Kentucky.

According to reports by the FAA, Kentucky ranks in the lower-middle portion of United States residents using airlines. Also, the Bluegrass State doesn't have any airports that rank as major metropolitan hubs for connecting flights.

With all of that established, why

is Kentucky Congressman Hal Rogers leading this panel?

Rogers should be using his time in Washington to do things that are beneficial for the state he was elected to represent.

Of course, Rogers' track record shows little evidence of effective efforts to bring change or progress to Eastern Kentucky. So it shouldn't surprise anyone that he is wasting time and taxpayer money on pointless issues such as flight delays.

It should upset everyone who resides in Rogers' district that he

wastes his time in Washington playing John Wayne and trying to reform a problem that has nothing to do with their region.

We elect officials, like Rogers, to represent the people and lobby for the voters and places they represent.

Instead Rogers decides to take on side projects, or perhaps in his case his only project, which have no impact on Eastern Kentucky except making his bank account larger by wasting the money he earns from his Congressional position.

Find solution to senior anxiety here

BY EMILY B. MOSES
OPINION EDITOR

I am a senior. I will graduate in May. Although I say those words loud and proud I also feel quite compelled to tell you that I am scared to death about entering the real world.

I've been in college for five years now and I have accomplished quite a bit. I've taken advantage of every co-curricular activity that I am interested in which has led to several summer job opportunities. So I know deep down that I am well-prepared to get a job after graduation.

But for some reason, all of that is no consolation and I am writing this because I know I am not alone.

I have talked with several other seniors who will graduate in May or

December and the majority of them share my fears.

We are worried no one will give us a job — ever — and we will plunge into poverty and be forced to move back home or live in our cars and beg money for food.

Because this nightmare scenario seems all too real in the throes of anxiety over my future, I have forced myself to be a bit more realistic about things. After all, I want to calm not only my own fears, but those of my fellow seniors.

So I single-handedly, have concocted a rather brilliant plan that all graduating seniors may follow. (I do not intend to patent the idea even though I'm sure it could finance food for a lifetime.)

I have the whole thing planned out.

Live in your parent's basement. Sell your car so the neighbors won't ask about you. Get a mattress to sleep on, or better yet, talk your parents into finishing the basement.

All you need is a television and a telephone with a private number so you can call people and they won't know where you are. Get a computer so you can stay hooked up via Internet to the outside world and then late away the rest of your life in the basement!

So you're thinking, what if I need some fresh air? Well, wait until the middle of the night to wander about town.

You can be just like Boo Radley!

In To Kill a Mockingbird, only you have a college degree. You can leave presents for children in knotholes of trees just like Boo. They won't cost anything. You can make them from odds and ends you find in neighborhood Dumpsters while wandering around at night. No! doesn't that sound like fun?

And think of how successful you will seem to those in the outside world. Your parents can make up fabulous stories about where you are and what you are doing and how rich you are.

Well, there you have it. I've solved all of our problems and put your fears to rest. Please, don't thank me.

CAMPUS COMMENT

(Besides parking) What do you think MSU administrators could do to make campus more student friendly?



Lacie Stokes
Sophomore
Louisville, Ky.
"They should keep elevators in service."



Tabi Cottogim
Junior
London, Ky.
"Student ID's should work in any machine on campus like cash."



Kyle Hopkins
Senior
Whitesburg, Ky.
"Have more easily accessible daytime transportation."



Jesse Sallaz
Freshman
Frenchburg, Ky.
"They need more lights."



Tomi Wilson
Freshman
Bethel, Ohio
"I think they need to do something to the dormroom curfew. Give the students more credit."

CAMPUS LIFE

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Students reflect on spring break 2001 events

Memories were made as students traveled to vacation in various parts of the world

BY DEANNA LEE

CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

Most students may just now be recuperating after a week of endless driving, flying, partying and playing catchup with family and friends during spring break.

Whatever the case, most students may agree spring break this year could not have been more diversified.

Although some students chose to stay close to home or school, others chose to get as far away from Kentucky as possible.

Howard Stone, a junior real-estate major, says he enjoyed a week of fun and relaxation with a group of friends in Negri, Jamaica.

Stone says spending a week in Negri proved to him just how different the Jamaican culture is from the American culture.

"Jamaica is really a poor country. We were offered drugs a lot and almost everything was negotiable," Stone says.

Stone says although Jamaica may be somewhat of a poor country, it is still a beautiful country. "The water was really clear," Stone says.

Stone says some memorable events about Jamaica were watching people cliff-dive into the ocean and hearing reggae music on almost every radio station there.

Senior pre-med major Becky Taulbee also spent time in the air for spring break this year for her destination to Brussels, Belgium.

Although Taulbee says she spent about 10 hours in the air, she says her stay in Belgium was well worth the plane ride.

Taulbee and close friend, Miranda Stevens, a senior pre-law major, visited France, Germany, Switzerland and the Netherlands while vacationing in Belgium.

"We visited Anne Frank's house

in Amsterdam, the Eiffel Tower in Paris and the Palace of Versailles in Versailles," Taulbee says.

Although her week was brimming with adventures and several tours, Taulbee says perhaps the most exciting event that took place was when her tour bus driver hit a cyclist, and then ran over the cyclist's bike.

"Our tour bus driver actually hit her and then ran over her bike. She was okay, but she had a hump on the back," Taulbee says.

Taulbee says getting her luggage lost at the airport was presumably the most frightening part of her trip to Belgium.

Senior finance major Scott Sherman says he and a group of friends were on the road for several hours making their way to Panama City, Fla., for spring break.

Sherman says he and his friends spent most of the week going out in the evenings for dinner and dancing.

"We had a blast," Boober says. "I really enjoyed the play. It was about poor Lord Byron," Combs says.

Sherman says besides seeing numerous other MSU students in Panama, a memorable event about spring break this year was the tornado that hit the beach shortly after he and his friends arrived.

Jeromey Boober, a freshman broadcasting major, says Panama was the place to be for spring break this year.

"We had a blast," Boober says. "I really enjoyed the play. It was about poor Lord Byron," Combs says.

Boober says because of the innumerable events that happened throughout the week, he and his friends made a top 15 spring break list.

While some students spent several hours in the air and on the road, others spent their time traveling home for spring break.

Stephanie Jett, a junior pre-vet

major, says she may not have caught up on her sleep during spring break, but she did eat good, home-cooked meals.

"My mom cooked a lot, so I ate good," Jett says.

Jett says she also went to Auburn, Ala., for an interview for vet school. Jett says, if all goes well, she will be at Auburn University next year.

Jett says the most amusing thing about her spring break this year was training her beagle hounds to hunt rabbits, and then attending a Mary Kay party later the same day.

Dena Forsyth, a senior special education major, says she also went home for spring break this year, where she "did the family thing."

"I basically did the stuff you can only do when you go home," Forsyth says.

Valuing the doctor and working took up most of Forsyth's spring break, she says.

Forsyth says she enjoyed spending time with her family more than anything during spring break.

"My brother and sister, who are both married, also came home to visit."

"We all had a turkey dinner in March," Forsyth says.

Senior English and history major Michael Combs says going home for spring break allowed him to relish one of his favorite hobbies, reading.

Combs says besides shopping at Joseph-Beth Booksellers and Barnes and Noble in Lexington, he read two books during spring break.

Combs says he read a social satire by Mark O'Donnell, a contemporary American author, as well as a play by Tom Stoppard.

"I really enjoyed the play. It was about poor Lord Byron," Combs says.

However students may have spent their spring breaks this year, most agree that food, sleep and a week away from school are what make spring break the most anticipated week of the spring semester.

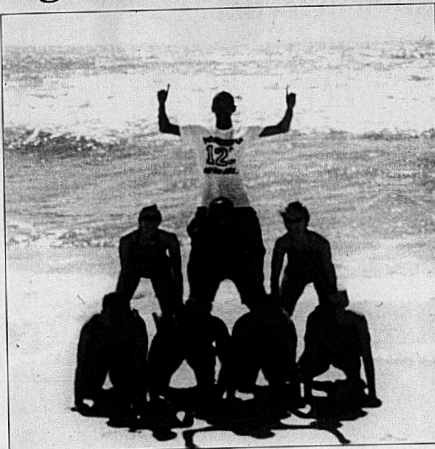


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MSU students Ryan Bukowski, Shayne Brown, Jeremy Boober, Travis Stokes and Tim Jett hang out with friends on the popular beach of Panama while on spring break. Boober says although many students from Ohio and Wisconsin vacationed in Panama this year for spring break, the majority of students in Panama were from Kentucky.

Speech team members succeed at national tournament

Three members of the MSU Speech Team won fourth place in Division III Team Sweepstakes at the Novice National Speech Tournament held at the College of Eastern Utah, Price, Utah, March 8-11, 2001.

The members were sophomore Jessica McCarty, freshman Ashley Morgan and senior Crystal Love.

Jessica McCarty also captured the national championship in Impromptu Sales by winning first place.

In the first three preliminary rounds of Impromptu Sales, students were given an object to sell and a total of seven minutes to speak and prepare. The final round was a slogan dealing with the state of Utah.

MSU Speech Coach Lisa Shimwell says the team is excited about McCarty's championship title, which marks the fifth time in



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MSU speech team members Jessica McCarty, Ashley Morgan and Crystal Love share a photo shoot with coach Lisa Shimwell at the Sallair Resort in Salt Lake City, Utah.

history at a Morehead State University Speech Team member has captured a national championship.

The Novice National Speech Tournament was for competitors competing for the first time this year in an event.

Speech members of the team will travel to Western Kentucky, University April 19-23, 2001, to compete in the National Forensic Association Speech Tournament.

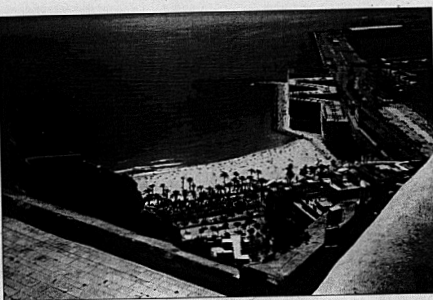


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Junior dietetics major Amanda Eigen spent her spring break here in Madrid, Spain, where she visited her fiancé who is studying abroad. Eigen says one of the most exciting events about her stay in Madrid was dining at Casa Botin, the world's earliest restaurant, which opened in 1725.

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Tattoos and piercings used as self-expression

BY WHITNEY PIERCE
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BATON ROUGE, La. — Tattoos have always been a part of history, but only now are they making their way into the dominating mainstream world of body art for the sake of expression.

People of all ages, races and ethnic groups have ventured into the world of body art and have come out pleased with the results.

Twelve-thousand years before Christ walked the earth, tattooing the body was already a cultural art form.

The word tattoo, which comes from the Tahitian word "tatu," means "to mark something," or when given a more modernized version, is defined as the act of pricking pigment into the skin.

Some believe the image marked on a person will give that wearer the spirit of the worn image.

The earliest practitioners of the tattooing art were found in Polynesia, Egypt, Crete, Greece, Persia and Arabia.

An ancient practice of communication, the Polynesians developed tattooing as a mark of tribal communities, families and rank.

As the centuries drew on, tattooing became an art of the middle class because the upper, aristocratic class looked down on the marking of one's body.

This attitude became a part of the hand-me-down attitude that resulted in several classes of society stereotyping the art.

The misconception of tattooing being part of "trashy conduct" is evident even today, with common stereotyping of those with tattoos being gang members or bikers.

But toward the close of the millennium, in the latter part of the 20th century, tattoos have come back and in a big way.

They are no longer a sign of delinquency, lower-class societies

or disrespect of authority; young people have revived tattoos as symbol of culture and expression.

For some, tattooing has become an expressive way to remember the momentous occasions in their lives.

"You can explain stuff in your life with them," said Scott Clanan, tattoo artist at the Body Images Tattoo parlor, located on Chimes Street next to the Chimes Textbook Exchange.

This is just the case with mass communication junior Christina Blais.

A friend gave Blais her tattoo, a tribal heart with a dragon intertwined into it, for her 19th birthday.

"I wanted a tattoo that meant something to me," Blais said. "It symbolizes a search and love of wisdom."

Blais worked one-on-one with the artist, who happened to be the same friend who was giving her the tattoo as a gift, and came up with the azure blue dragon and black heart.

"I thought for many years about what to get as a tattoo," Blais said. "The tattoo is on the small of Blais's back, a spot that is not always exposed."

"It can be covered," Blais said. "It's just for me."

Being a college town, there always will be many tattoo parlors that are open for business in Baton Rouge.

Among them are Proline World Tattoos at 1971 Highland Road, Revelation Ink on W. Chimes Street, Tiger's Claw on Greenwell Springs Road and the recently opened Body Images.

Anywhere from 80 to 100 people, both male and female, enter the tattoo parlor everyday, whether it is to simply look around or have the deed done, Clanan said.

China, who has been tattooing others for six years, has 32 tattoos—cartoon characters, frogs, a family crest, the Sacred Heart and many others.

The artists at Body Images assure their customers the parlor takes the highest of safety precautions, which is a comforting thing

to hear for anyone who is not too sure a tattoo is the safest thing for them to do.

"We follow every rule you can think of," Clanan said. "We throw everything away after we use it; we're as sterile as a hospital."

Although the customers are not always completely happy with their choice in style, Body Images will fix the tattoo free of charge.

"We always make the customers happy," Clanan said.

For years tattoos have been a part of the music world, taking on the rockin' '70s and heavy metal '80s.

But body art seems to have become more prevalent since the late '90s, adorning the bodies of rock, rap and hip-hop artists of both genders.

Red Hot Chili Peppers' Anthony Kiedis' tattoo of a bird of prey decked out in tribal design is among the best-known stage tattoos.

Taking up much of his upper back, Kiedis proudly displays his modernly primitive art work in the band's "Under the Bridge" video and in numerous pictorial shoots.

Fred Durst of Limp Bizkit is another well-known name who not only has much of his body tattooed with his own designs and band insignia but is also a tattoo artist.

More often than not, tattoos on the bodies of celebrities are basic and represent something obvious to their fans.

This is not always the case, however, such as with Kid Rock's "PAUL" tattoo.

At first, it was thought that "Paul" was perhaps his birth name or the name of a lover, but Kid Rock revealed during an interview with MTV that it is the name of a deceased relative he was close to.

When artists such as Cher, the Dixie Chicks and Shelby Lynne also have entered the mainstream phenomenon of body art by having small mementos of their life and times stained onto their bodies.

Many tattoo parlors also give their customers the choice of body piercing, which can range from a variety of piercings from head to

toe.

And though many admit piercings can hurt and may not heal for three months, they feel the resulting product is worth it.

"I was unbelievably terrified, but, now, to this day, when I look in the mirror I think of it as a great memory and I really love my [piercing]," said Emily Ferguson, a biological sciences freshman.

She and two friends, went to the Tiger's Claw on Greenwell Springs to get pierced together.

Arriving after hours and having the artists re-open the parlor just for them made the moment an adventurous one, Ferguson said.

Of course, there are the piercings that don't work out too well, and the ring must eventually be removed.

A friend accompanying Ferguson who also had her belly button pierced soon realized that there is a bad side to the process.

After weeks of a swollen, puffed-up belly button, Ferguson's friend had to remove the ring in order to salvage herself from infection.

While many shun body piercings on the basis of health, there are many who disagree with the practice for other reasons.

The Eastern medical perspective, for example, believes tiny energy channels, called meridians, line the body and can be disturbed if piercings target the wrong spot.

These lines of channels, also known as Chi, connect all the tissues, bones and organs, and if they should be punctured they could inhibit the major organs of the body from functioning properly.

This is the same theory acupuncturists use when inserting needles into points on the body — they are manipulating Chi energy.

Body piercing, like tattooing, has distinct meanings to many different cultures and affect the way their societies work.


Tattooing and body piercing are no longer a thing of the past, but it

is history repeating itself.

When once body art was used to define a person's status in the community, tribe or culture, it is now a form of self-expression that many have accepted with open arms.

And though the typical tattoo may no longer be applied in a spiritual nature or even say "Mom," they are continuing to make history a little more colorful.

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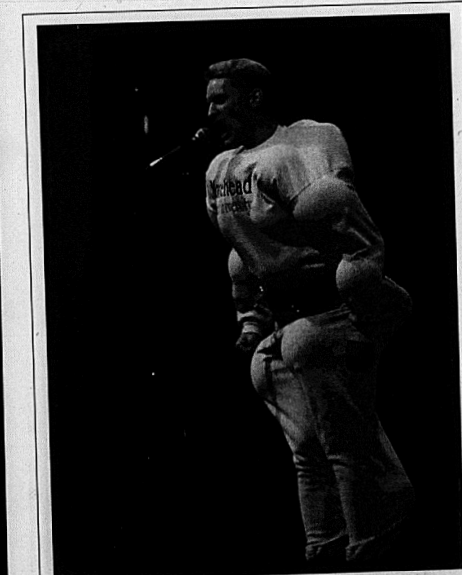
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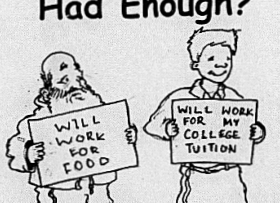
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Cellular phones are popular among students

BY DEANNA LEE
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

You may see them on your way to class or while having lunch with friends. Perhaps one of your classmates has been disrupted by them. Cellular phones are about as common among college students today as bookbags and umbrellas.

Although most students consider cell phones a major convenience, some agree that some owners are too reliable on their cell phones.

Tim Conner, a junior music education major, says he purchased his cell phone from Mainstreet Music in Morehead and has had it for about three months.

"I'm not really addicted to it. I can go a day without it and not even think about it," Conner says.

Conner says if he does carry his cell phone with him, he usually keeps it turned off, especially when he is in class.

"It can be really annoying when you're in class or in the middle of a test and someone's cell phone rings," Conner says.

Conner says he will, however, keep his cell phone on when expecting an important phone call. "It's good to keep them close by in case of emergencies," Conner says.

Conner says because he usually keeps his cell phone turned off while in class or an important meeting, he regularly checks his voice mail.

And Conner is one cell phone student who is completely satisfied with his cell phone purchase.

"It works out well for me. I pay \$40 a month and get a lot of free time," Conner says.

Conner says phone calls made on the weekends are free and his service area includes Kentucky,

Tennessee and Cincinnati.

"I use my phone the most at night," Conner says.

Conner says he can now call home for free when he was spending about \$65 a month to call home by telephone.

"Because I once referred three people, I also got an extra 300 minutes," Conner says.

Junior elementary major Heather Hall says she has had her cell phone for about seven months and purchased it from Radio Shack.

Hall says she can also survive a day without her cell phone.

"If I'm on the road a lot, then I always have it with me," Hall says.

Like Conner, Hall says she keeps her cell phone turned off while in class.

"I wouldn't like that attention drawn to me. That would embarrass me," Hall says.

Hall says she uses her cell phone at least once a day and is also content with her package deal.

Robert Burns, a junior CIS major, says he has had his cell phone for about three years, but

a month for her cell phone because of rain charges.

"I signed a one year contract, so I'm kind of bound to it," Pennington says.

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— Shannon Harr, Graduate Student

cannot use his phone here at school, "I wouldn't work down here," Burns says.

However, Burns says he is also satisfied with his cell phone.

As far as cell phones disrupting classes or meetings, Burns says it is not his business to tell people to turn their cell phones off.

"We're all adults," Burns says. "Senior communications major Amanda Jo Pennington says she has been dissatisfied with her cell phone for some time now.

"I live in Johnson County, and go to school in Rowan County. The division area is in between, and I can't get a plan to cover both areas," Pennington says.

Pennington says although she signed up for a \$25 monthly payment, she has never paid under \$75

dent, says he purchased his cell phone about six years ago through Cellular One.

Harr says he is so unattached to his cell phone that he actually has bad habits of leaving it off, and forgetting to carry it with him.

"Sometimes I'll have 10 or more messages when I check my voice mail because I forget to carry it with me," Harr says.

Like most cell phone owners, Harr says he is sure to carry his cell phone with him when he is out of town or on the road.

Although Harr says he cannot complain about his cell phone package deal, he says he is not too pleased with his purchase.

"I'd like to go to a new plan

where there is no roam, so I can just pay one certain fee, but I'm kind of stuck with my phone right now," Harr says.

Harr agrees with most students that cell phones can be annoying and disruptive at times.

"Some people today are too reliant on their cell phones. It's almost more of a burden to own a cell phone than it is a convenience," Harr says.

Cell phones may indeed be a convenience for some, but Harr says they can be catastrophic if not used carefully.

"I try not to use my cell phone when I'm driving. Driving requires your full attention and just dialing a number can be catastrophic," Harr says.

Harr says he has never had any accidents using his cell phone while doing something else.

"Conner says he thinks it is 'hilarious' when some individuals have minor accidents because of trying to talk on their cell phones and trying to do something else at the same time.

"I once saw a girl talking on a red cell phone, and I guess she wasn't paying attention because she fell down a huge hill.

"And she was still talking as she was falling," Conner says.

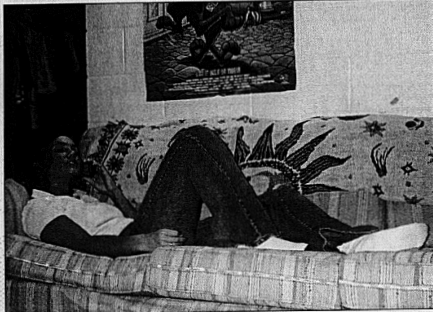


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Tori Anders, a junior English education major, calls her mother on her cell phone from her dorm room in Mignon Hall. Anders says she uses her cell phone for long-distance calls instead of her telephone because it is cheaper and more convenient.

Fragrances can make or break a first impression

BY ALLISON MARTIN

The Daily University, Brigham Young U.
U-WIRE

PRICED, Utah - From the first lesson your classmates slathers on faithfully before lecture to the cheap cologne that penetrates the air at dances, fragrances are all over campus.

Some students say the way someone smells can make or break a first impression.

"Smelling good is important," says Curtis Langstraat, 18, a freshman majoring in business management from Memphis, Tenn.

"I wouldn't want to hang out with a girl that stinks," Darlene Jensen says she worked in the fragrance industry for nine years as a product representative and one of the fragrance counter managers at ZCMI.

Every time a new fragrance is launched she attends a school that educates experts about the science of the fragrance and the company's marketing strategies.

"We are seeing younger and younger clients all the time," Jensen says.

"When school shopping, 12-year-olds come in to get their fragrances just as they get notebooks and pencils.

"Young people are more knowledgeable than their fathers about fragrances, and they have more secrets in their wardrobe than ever before."

Major fragrance companies are attempting to capitalize on the attitude that how someone smells is an integral part of their social image, Jensen says.

Over the past six months, companies have launched more new scents aimed at the young adult age bracket with advertisements focused on youth, beauty and activity.

"Now companies are promoting lifestyles," Jensen says.

"They claim if you buy this fragrance you will too get the guy or have the yacht in the Caribbean."

Chad Willardson, 22, is a sophomore majoring in pre-business management from Yorba Linda, Calif.

Willardson's favorite fragrances to wear are Liz Claiborne's Curve, Ralph Lauren's Polo Sport for Men, and Le Male by Jean Paul Gaultier, all fragrances with flashy, colorful advertising aimed at the young adult market.

Despite these youth-oriented marketing attempts,

Willardson says he does not feel persuaded to buy particular brands.

Melissa Diaper, 20, a senior chemistry major from Chanhassen, Minn. says, "It seems like fragrance advertising these days try to sell us romance and not perfume."

"It makes me laugh to see the commercials on television making promises if you smell a certain way."

Just as technological advances have allowed the young adult generation to be multifunctional, fragrance businesses are claiming their products do more than just make a person smell good.

Some products promote scents that evoke certain emotions or improve one's mood.

Jensen says, "They create and conjure memories and moods for good or bad."

"And some are more appropriate for different events, seasons and even the time of day."

According to the web-site for cosmetic and fragrance front-runner Origins, the company uses aromatic essential oils and botanical extracts to promote sensations of calmness, energy, confidence and relaxation.

Apparently their idea is convincing: Origins' Ginger Essence was the top seller for women during the holiday season.

Fragrances are not just spray bottles of potentially lethal fumes. Especially in the young-adult market, lotions and scented body products have become quite familiar.

Linda Smith, a consultant at Bath and Body Works in the Riverwoods Shopping Center, even suggests this new crop of smell-goods may be clamoring over traditional perfumes and colognes to dominate as the primary mode students use to smell pleasant.

Smith says, "Everyone needs to moisturize so they not smell good and moisturize at the same time!"

A word to the wise: don't overdo it. No matter how much others like a fragrance, nobody appreciates too much of it.

"I don't like (fragrances) that knock you down when a girl walks by," Curtis says.

"A fragrance shouldn't be so strong that it blows everyone away," Jensen says.

"It should announce your arrival and delay your departure."

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Wildcat fans too critical of coach



BY JENNIFER BROWN
SPORTS COLUMNIST
I'll begin by saying I'm not a University of

Kentucky basketball fan. I really don't know when I began to despise UK. Maybe it started when Rick Pitino rolled into Lexington. But what fuels my dislike is the Wildcat fan.

When UK loses a game, it's Tubby Smith's fault. Or Saul's. When UK is victorious; Tubby, Saul, and the rest of the bunch are the greatest. This has been the attitude of most "True Blue" fans I've been around and it seems a bit hypocritical to me.

When Pitino left, most fans denounced Tubby before he coached his first Wildcat game. No one can do it quite like Pitino. But now, Tubby is the best.

With Pitino possibly making a Kentucky come-back at Louisville, most UK fans are in shock. He can't coach there! He belongs at UK!

I bet Tubby feels great. Way to go, fans!

I guess that's what they mean about being "True Blue."

When people tell me they can't believe I hate UK and I live in this state, I tell them there are other teams in this state.

Why should I love the Wildcats? People can have different likes and dislikes. Just because I live in this state doesn't mean I have to agree with all of the other sports fans.

How about the University of Louisville? Why do Kentucky fans never give them any credit?

UK fans should be happy that Pitino might take over the Cardinal program now that Denny Crum has made an exit. He will be back in this state, which is what the UK fans want. Does it really matter what team he is coming as long as it makes him happy?

Quit whining and support Pitino's decision. Maybe UK fans can start supporting the Cardinals as much as the Wildcats.

UK fans are also very critical of Saul Smith. I'll agree that he's not one of the greatest to put on a Wildcat uniform, but give him a little credit. If you are "True Blue," you shouldn't criticize one of your own so much.

It's doubtful UK fans would open their mouths if that was Pitino coaching and his son had Saul's playing abilities.

Saul has done a great job in dealing with the fans and the media. I'm sure he'll carry with him into the future his treatment by the UK fans. They were happy to have him on senior night. So happy to see him go after this season.

Let me remind you Wildcat fans, these players are college students. They're not perfect. They make mistakes. They lose a few games. When they lose, suck it up and act like adults.

Instead of putting blame on someone for UK losing a game, look forward to the next game.

Instead of wishing Pitino to come back to Lexington, think of the positive aspects Tubby has brought to the program.

Maybe some of you should rethink the meaning of being a "True Blue" fan.

Eagles take one of two in Missouri



Photo by Jay Howard

Freshman center fielder Casey Gilvin ducks at the plate after a wild pitch in the Eagles 7-3 loss March 14 against Marshall University. Gilvin homered in the game for one of MSU's four hits.

BY JENNIFER BROWN
SPORTS EDITOR

The Morehead State baseball Eagles traveled to Cape Girardeau this past weekend for their first Ohio Valley Conference series against Southeast Missouri State University.

In the first game of the twinnish Saturday, the Eagles defeated SEMO 4-3. Senior second baseman Jimmy Mains was 2-2 at the plate for the Eagles, while sophomore third baseman Kevin Matusek, junior first baseman Will Renaker, and freshman shortstop David Hughes each got a hit to combine for MSU's six of the game.

Junior right-hander Edgy Bushelman (4-0) pitched six innings on the mound for the Eagles, giving up seven hits and striking out six Indian batters. "I felt good about our win," MSU Head Coach John Jarigan said. "We pitched better than we have been and the guys played hard. It is always hard to play there (Missouri)."

In the nightcap, SEMO defeated the Eagles 8-6.

SEMO catcher Jeff Bourbonnaled a two-run shot over the fence in the first inning to give SEMO the 2-0 lead.

SEMO scored two runs in the second and one in the fourth to take the 5-0 advantage.

MSU rallied back in the top of the fifth inning, scoring four runs on three hits to cut the Indians' lead, 5-3.

But SEMO scored three runs on three hits in the bottom of the fifth to take the 8-4 advantage.

MSU scored two runs in the top of the sixth, but SEMO would go

on and take the 8-6 victory.

Senior catcher Thad Kingstewer was 2-3 at the plate for MSU with a double. Mains was 2-3, and sophomore designated hitter Cary Page and Hughes each belted a hit for the Eagles.

"Jimmy (Mains) caught fire on Saturday," Jarigan said. "We really need someone to step up like that."

Junior right-hander Rick Lowe pitched over four innings on the mound for MSU and picked up his third loss of the season.

In the single game Sunday, SEMO used seven hits to defeat MSU 5-1.

The Eagles got on the scoreboard in the top of the second when Page sent a shot over the fence, giving MSU the 1-0 lead.

In the bottom of the fourth, SEMO tied the game at one when second baseman Clemente Bonilla scored on an error short.

SEMO shortstop Zach Botwinski homered in the bottom of the sixth to take the 2-1 lead.

Bourbonnaled SEMO's third run in the sixth on a controversial ball by freshman Eagle pitcher Casey Campbell.

SEMO went on to score two runs in the seventh inning to take the 5-1 victory.

Renaker recorded 17 of MSU's 24 putouts in the game.

Matusek was 2-4 at the plate for the Eagles. Page's home run and single by freshman left fielder Andy Foster were MSU's other two hits in the game.

Campbell (2-3) pitched seven innings on the mound and took the loss for MSU.

SEMO right hander Todd Pennington pitched seven and two-

third innings on the mound, giving up four hits and striking out 11 Eagle batters.

"I think our pitchers just need to buckle down and start playing better," Jarigan said. "I just think it is a mental thing with them."

MSU traveled to Knoxville March 6 and fell to nationally-ranked University of Tennessee, 11-2.

Page led the team going 2-3 at the plate. Matusek was 1-3 with a double. Renaker was 1-2 with an RBI, and Mains was 1-4.

Lockwood took the loss on the mound Morehead State.

The Eagles traveled to Johnson City the following day and fell to East Tennessee State University, 11-10.

Renaker, Lavender and Gilvin each belted a homer for the Eagles.

Renaker finished 2-4 at the plate with four RBI, Gilvin was 2-4 with two RBI, and Page was 2-3.

Campbell picked up the loss on the mound for MSU.

MSU hosted IUPUI and Youngstown State March 9-11 in a mini tournament and won 2-3.

The Eagles hosted a doubleheader against IUPUI March 9.

MSU won the opener 3-1. Renaker and Matusek both homered in the game.

Junior right fielder Bubba Lavender was 2-2 at the plate for MSU and belted a double.

Bushelman went the distance on the mound, giving up five hits and striking out nine batters.

In the nightcap, IUPUI scored 10 runs on 10 hits to defeat MSU, 10-5.

Renaker led the Eagles at the plate, going 2-2 with a pair of home runs. Freshman center fielder Casey Gilvin was 2-3 at the plate with a double and a homer.

MSU picked up the loss on the hill for MSU.

The Eagles hosted a third game with IUPUI March 10 and lost, 12-8.

Page was 3-4 at the plate, Lavender was 3-3 with a double, a homer, and three RBI, and Mains was 2-4.

The Eagles used five pitchers in the game, but sophomore Luke Lockwood took the loss.

In the second game of the day, the Eagles defeated Youngstown State, 6-5.

Gilvin, Majewski, Hughes, and Kingstewer each went 2-4 at the plate for the Eagles.

Gilvin earned the win on the mound.

Youngstown State defeated MSU 16-8 in the single game March 11.

Campbell picked up the loss on the hill.

The Eagles hosted a twinnish March 14 against Marshall University.

In the opener, the Thundering Eagles won 7-3.

Gilvin and Renaker homered in the game for two of MSU's four hits.

Lockwood went the distance on the mound and picked up the loss.

In the nightcap, Marshall belted 18 hits to defeat the Eagles, 19-2.

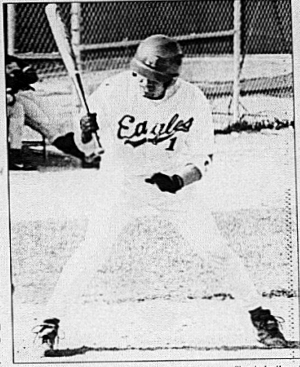


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Freshman shortstop David Hughes looks in at the catcher waiting to hear the umpire's call in the first game of the doubleheader against the Thundering Herd.

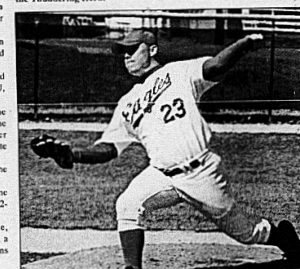


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Sophomore left hander Luke Lockwood throws a pitch for a Marshall opponent. Lockwood went the distance on the mound for the Eagles.

Renaker led the Eagles at the plate, going 2-3. Gilvin was 1-3 with a home run and two RBI.

The Eagles used seven pitchers in the game, but freshman left-hander Trifon Callos took the loss after pitching 0.2 innings.

The Eagles are 9-12 overall and 1-2 in the OVC.

MSU has 34 homers through the team's first 21 games.

Renaker leads the OVC in home runs with eight. Page (7), Matusek (5), and Lavender (4) follow closely behind.

"We've won some games because of home runs," Jarigan said. "It's a huge thing for us. I think our guys will probably start catching fire with their bats again soon."

The Eagles are ranked second in team batting with a .289 average. MSU is seventh out of eight teams in team pitching with a 8.21 ERA.

Bushelman is third among OVC pitchers with a 3.19 ERA and a 4-0 record.

The Eagles host a single game tonight against Union with the first pitch scheduled for 6 p.m.

MSU will host a single game March 22 against Cedarville, also starting at 6 p.m.

The Eagles host a three-game conference series this weekend against Murray State University. The twinnish is scheduled for March 23 at 2 p.m. and the single game March 24 at 1 p.m.

Softball team drops six in California

Lady Eagle shortstop Jonti Robinson named to Capital Classic All-Tournament Team.

BY JENNIFER BROWN
SPORTS EDITOR

The Morehead State softball team lost all six games in the Capital Classic Tournament in Sacramento, Calif. last week.

The trip was the farthest an MSU squad had ever traveled.

The Lady Eagles' first loss came against the University of Louisville, 3-0. The Cardinals' Jessica Rak gave up only two hits on the mound.

MSU also lost to New Mexico

(4-0), TAMU-Corpus Christi (9-0), host Sacramento State (2-1), Purdue (6-1), and Western Kentucky University (6-0).

"I thought we played pretty well out there (California)," MSU Head Coach Jennifer VanSickle said.

"We played some tough teams. We need to learn to get some key hits and make some key defensive plays. I think this was a good experience for us and we learned a lot from playing out there."

Lady Eagle shortstop Jonti Robinson was named to the all-tournament team. Robinson batted .912 during the week, extending her hitting streak to a career-high nine games. Robinson leads the team in run production with five scored and

five batted in.

"Jonti was really on fire with her bat," VanSickle said. "She is hitting really well right now."

The Lady Eagles won four games at home before the trip to California.

MSU hosted a doubleheader against West Virginia Tech March 9 and won 2-1.

Freshman designated player Alison Creen, senior third baseman Amy Wilkinson, senior left fielder Heather Hughes, and sophomore second baseman Nikki Block each recorded a hit for MSU.

Senior right hander Molly Suratt went the distance on the mound for MSU, giving up seven hits and striking out nine.

In the nightcap, the Lady Eagles used 10 hits to defeat WVU 9-0.

Sophomore right hander Pam Crawford went the distance on the mound for MSU giving up only one hit.

Senior right fielder Dana Fohl and junior left fielder Stephanie Swanger each went 2-2 at the plate for MSU.

The Lady Eagles hosted a twinnish March 10 against East Tennessee State University.

In the opener, MSU used six hits to win 2-1.

Swanger was 2-3 at the plate and Brock was 1-2 with two RBI and a homer.

Crawford went the distance on the mound and earned the win.

In the nightcap, the Lady Eagles defeated ETSU 7-3.

Senior first baseman Nola Queen homered in MSU's win. Freshman center fielder Shannon Nord was 2-2 at the plate.

Suratt picked up the win on the mound and Crawford earned the save.

MSU now moves to 5-9 on the season.

MSU will travel to Ohio tonight to play a twinnish with the University of Dayton.

The Lady Eagles will host Ohio Valley Conference foe Austin Peay State University this weekend.

The doubleheader is scheduled for March 23 at 1 p.m. and the single game March 24 at 1 p.m.

Analysis

Tennis player reflects on Florida experience



BY GREG DAWKINS
STAFF WRITER
Headed south for Spring Break is a popular choice for many students and I'm certainly not complaining. Florida is a great place to be this time of year. The reason for me though was to represent Morehead State's tennis team.

In my three years here, the team has made my journey south for warmer weather and plenty of tennis matches. There's always been tough competition and a real challenge day after day. We haven't always fared very well, but it seems as though I am always much better for it and the team is too.

After traveling down the first Sunday of spring break, we took Monday as a day to shake the cobwebs out and prepare for the upcoming matches. Of course it

wouldn't be a surprise to see most of us at the beach before or after practice.

Tuesday we faced North Florida, a highly ranked NCAA Division II team. We were down 7-2 but not without a fight. Bernie (Schmidt), Lahiru (Jayarathna), and myself went to three sets in our singles matches. It is always tough to go the distance but not walk away with the win. Santiago (Sahagun) won his three set battle in a great match. I played two courts down from him, and even though I was concentrated on my own court it was plain to see each point was highly contested.

I woke up Wednesday morning fully aware of what we had installed for us that day. Two dual matches, one of which was against Ohio Valley Conference rival University of Tennessee—Martin at North Florida and the other against nationally ranked NAIA Embury Riddle at Daytona. It was going to be a long day, but we have an emphasis on

OVC matches so it was "give it all you've got" against UTM and see later how much was left in the tank for the second match.

The Skyhawks were out for revenge after losing to us in the third place playoff at last year's OVC Championships. Although I knew it would be a hard fought match, I fully expected we would win the match.

It wasn't to be as we were edged out 4-3.

Disappointing to say the least. When you lose so closely you begin to question what if this or that happened instead. Now I can only hope that if we do get the chance to play them again at conference championships, we'll be the ones in the winner's column. Bernie defeated his opponent without much challenge (6-0, 6-1). I took Lahiru and I three sets to claim our singles match. But to no avail as UTM had already taken the match. So close, all doubles matches were

decided by one break and the singles matches were all tight.

The team grabbed a quick bite to eat as we headed down to Daytona for our match up against Embury Riddle. Being a NAIA affiliated institution there is no age limit on the players that can compete for the school. We were up against more experienced and stronger opponents; most of these players were in their 20's with many years of experience in Europe. We were down 4-1 after the three doubles matches and Santiago and Lahiru's singles matches. San and Lahiru can take great pride in the courage they mustered up to battle through fatigue and soreness to go all the way in their matches only just to fall short in the third set, respectively.

With the four remaining matches, we needed to win all to take the dual.

As I walked on to play I sensed our team rallying together for a fight back. Bernie won a great three set battle at number one to give us a fighting chance. We were on the court next to me playing superb tennis and was just moments away from closing out his match when rain stopped play. I had just won the first set myself and was anxious to continue.

The rain eased and we were able to get back on court to complete the match. Aki won, and I pulled out my match to claw us back into contention. All the while although I couldn't see it Eduardo was putting in a very determined and gutsy effort in his match. I got off the court to catch the last moments of Eddie's match; the rallies were unbelievably long and intense. But that's Eddie's style and he was the victor. We were all ready to pass out and couldn't wait to get back to the hotel, but that was certainly a sweet victory. I think we set a new benchmark for intensity and determination that we should hold ourselves to.

A day off Thursday for recuperation and a little fluff I guess, too. Friday, we traveled to Florida's

capital, Tallahassee, to play Florida A & M. It seemed to me after being on a high from our last match this was our low. I give credit where credit is due and the Rattlers were a quality side that did what they had to do for the win. They defeated us 5-2; Bernie and Lahiru the only Eagles picking up a win.

Saturday was another close loss for the team against Jacksonville University. The dual was locked at three with Florida in a third set tiebreaker. Aki and I won our singles matches convincingly at position five and six respectively. Eduardo had to come back from a tough situation playing the last remaining singles. If he had any fight left I don't know where he got it from. Four of his five matches went the distance in the week. If I know Lahiru he'll come back from this better than ever.

Doubles for the most part was not great for the week, an exception was San and Alejandro against Embury Riddle—their win was outstanding. However, in all five matches we were off to a slow start,

behind a point after the doubles matches. We say that we can win it in the singles, but day after day, fighting back is obviously not an ideal situation. Dual matches can be won and lost in the doubles. To get the momentum and then roll with it can win matches.

Up to spring break, Lahiru and I, at the number two doubles position, were on a winning streak and confident that we would win a majority of our matches. Florida turned that around and we didn't win a doubles match. For me this is the biggest disappointment, because there were doubles matches that we should have won. Our confidence was shaken, so it is imperative that we have a good outing next time in the doubles—we all do.

There is one month left for the season. This is the home stretch with lots of matches ahead of us. Each match will be important for us to rebuild our confidence so that we are ready to compete at our best for the OVC tournament. I think that everyone is playing high quality tennis at the moment and it will take everyone to take another step up to achieve what we have set ourselves out to do.

Lady Eagles win one of six over spring break

BY GREG DAWKINS
STAFF WRITER

The Morehead State women's tennis team traveled to Florida and played five matches within four days during the spring break vacation.

The Lady Eagles were unable to pick up a win against opponents University of North Florida, University of Tennessee—Martin, Embury Riddle, Jacksonville University and Florida A & M.

UTM's North Florida and Jacksonville proved to be too tough for us from top to bottom. MSU Head Coach Nick DeVore said,

"As Jacksonville Tuesday, North Florida was too strong for the Lady Eagles taking the 8-1 victory. Karla Zalko and Isabelle Soucy in the number one doubles earned the only point for the Lady Eagles. Wednesday morning, Ohio Valley Conference foe UTM defeated MSU 6-1 at North Florida. That afternoon, Morehead fell to

Embry Riddle 6-3.

Thursday at Jacksonville University, rain stopped play with the match decided 4-1 in JU's favor.

Florida A & M swept all the matches (7-0) against Morehead Friday at Tallahassee.

"The matches against Embury Riddle and Florida A & M were a little disappointing because I felt that they were very beatable teams," DeVore said.

"One biggest problem is that we can't seem to get everyone to play well on the same day. We rarely get both teams to focus well, and more often than not we are getting a couple of our singles players playing well."

On Saturday prior to spring break, MSU hosted Northern Kentucky and swept the contested matches. The Lady Eagles defeated the six singles and took the dual match 6-1.

"It was good to pick up our first

win and gain some confidence," DeVore said. "We beat them convincingly like we should have."

The women's tennis team record stands at 1-10, and 0-1 in the OVC. They will compete against Tennessee State in Nashville tomorrow, followed by a dual match against the University of Toledo in Cincinnati, Ohio, hosted by Xavier University.

"Hopefully we will be able to regroup against Tennessee State and Toledo this week," DeVore said. "The build of the OVC schedule is yet to see so there is still time."

The men's team (5-6, 0-1) play the same schedule as the Lady Eagles this week. In addition, the Eagles will play Xavier next Tuesday.

Upcoming Eagle Athletic Events

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| March 21 | Baseball team hosts Union | 6:00 p.m. |
| March 21 | Softball team at Dayton DH | 2:00 p.m. |
| March 22 | Tennis teams at Tennessee State | 2:30 p.m. |
| March 22 | Baseball team hosts Cedarville | 6:00 p.m. |
| March 23-24 | Golf team at Eastern Kentucky | All Day |
| March 23 | Softball team hosts Austin Peay DH | 1:00 p.m. |
| March 24 | Softball team hosts Austin Peay | 1:00 p.m. |
| March 24 | Baseball team hosts Murray State DH | 2:00 p.m. |
| March 24 | Tennis teams against Toledo at Xavier | TBA |
| March 25 | Baseball team hosts Murray State | 2:00 p.m. |

Runners open outdoor season

BY GREG DAWKINS
STAFF WRITER

The Morehead State track team went the distance to place high in its outdoor season opener at Marshall University on Saturday, March 10.

The Herd hosted Alderson-Brooks College, University of Charleston, Concord College, University of Dayton, University of Evansville, West Virginia Wesleyan College and Morehead State University in the Marshall Open prior to spring break.

The Lady Eagles placed first in all three of the longer distance events. The men's team also earned a victory in the 3,000 meter Steeplechase.

Morehead State earned a one-two finish in the 5,000 meter women's race with sophomore Karen Lutes in first place with a time of 18:42.38. Senior Vanessa Akiw finished second in 18:50.34.

In the women's 3,000 meter run, junior Kelly Austin took 10:40:07

to beat a field of eight to the finish line.

MSU's senior Susie Anderson, with a time of 4:47.44, was the only runner under 5:00 in the women's 1,500 meter race.

Anderson also placed second in a time of 2:21.23 for the women's 800 meter race. Anderson was edged out by less than half a second by W.V. Wesleyan's Beth Gordon (2:20.81).

Eagle junior J.C. Chirgwin won the men's 3,000 meter Steeplechase in a time of 10:03.29.

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Bowlers to compete

The Morehead State bowling teams will be competing this weekend in the 2001 Intercollegiate Bowling Championships Sectional Qualifiers at Eastland Bowling Lanes in Lexington, Ky.

The bowling times for Saturday, March 24 are 9 a.m.-1 p.m., and 3 p.m.-7 p.m. The times for Sunday, March 25 are 8 a.m.-12 p.m., and 1:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

The women are nationally ranked number one in the power rankings and number two in the coaches poll.

The men are nationally ranked tenth in the power rankings and eighth in the coaches poll.

Team members are: Robin Crawford, Stacey Bokina, Joy Esterson, Jessica DeCrescente, Marie Lamm, Tonya Pope, Chris Hostler, Tom Hays, Levi York, Tim Carey, Chris Heringer and Brad Nice.

Please feel free to come and watch the teams in action and there is no charge to attend the sectional bowling tournament.